

# Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days 2024

## September 6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Ideas and Information for the Theme

**What is the theme?** : Our theme for 2024 is **“Routes – Networks - Connections”**.

*Remember that you don't have to meet the theme to take part in the festival, however to maintain a healthy level of audience interest, we like to see organisers doing something different every year, and the theme can help with this.*

**What can I centre the event around?** :

In 2024 we will be celebrating how people and ideas have moved around and come together throughout history.

The transport routes, communication networks, trade unions and social clubs. The travellers who have spread ideas and the hosts who welcome them. There are so many stories on our doorsteps just waiting to be uncovered. We're encouraging you all to celebrate what connects us – be that ideas or actual transport routes!

**Do you have any suggestions?** :

- What's in a name? Place names can tell us a lot about the people who settled in an area in the past.
- Wish you were here?! Why did people settle in your area, why did they visit? Do you have a market place or a village green with stories to tell?
- Where does the river run? From source to sea, how has it shaped the land, who travels on it? How has it brought people together?.
- Lost links. Are there any 'forgotten routes' near you? Perhaps a lost Roman road, railway line or street name change?
- Famous faces...who is linked to your local area?
- There are global influences everywhere! 'Corinthian Columns' to plants and trees with exotic origins!

And much, much more. These suggestions are just the tip of the iceberg so If you have other ideas, we'd love to hear it. Just get in touch with our Heritage Open Days Team and we'd be happy to chat them through with you.

**Are you targeting any particular audiences this year?** : Our aim is to get as many people involved in heritage as we can, so we don't have a specific audience we target. We would still like to grow some less developed segments though:

- **Families and children:** They are the key to insuring the future of our fantastic sites, so it would be lovely to see more events with family friendly activities included in the programme, if the sites are suitable for it.
- **Visitors with disabilities:** The festival is all about making heritage accessible for as many people as possible, so if you have a disability-friendly site, or can offer alternative options for those who are living with an impairment or with complex needs then please think about how you could include this in your event. Even something as small as providing copies of information sheets in large print can make a huge difference to someone with a visual impairment. or providing pictures of the upstairs floors to visitors unable to access the upper floors of your site.

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